

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of any changes to the claims and the remarks herein. Please contact the undersigned to conduct a telephone interview in accordance with MPEP 713.01 to resolve any remaining requirements and/or issues prior to sending another Office Action. Relevant portions of MPEP 713.01 are included on the signature page of this amendment.

Claims 78-109 are substantially identical to claims 1, 3, 47, 48, 50-53 and 56-77 respectively. The terminology "reflector/absorber" has been replaced by "shielding" support for which is found throughout the specification, in particular, in the summary of the invention at page 4. The terminology "antireflective" has been replaced by language of the type "substantially prevents radiant energy incident on said non conductive optical blocking layer at a non-orthogonal angle from passing into said semiconductor substrate", support for which is found throughout the specification, in particular, Fig. 1 shows radiant energy 59 at a non-orthogonal angle which is substantially prevented from passing through to the substrate. More specifically, support is found throughout the specification, in particular, in the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 and in the first full paragraph on page 18. Pages 8-9 of the specification referring to Figure 1 teaches "Light or radiant energy 54 and 58 incident in opening 56 between electrode/mirrors 30 and 33 ... of liquid crystal device 12 ... would enter dielectric layer 46 and would require multiple reflections as shown by arrow 59 between top surface 55 of reflector/absorber layer 34 and the bottom surface of electrode/mirror 30 to reach dielectric layers 44, 42, 40, and 36 and semiconductor substrate 14 containing electrical circuits 16 ... Top surface 55 of reflector/absorber layer 34 may be $T_i N$ which has a reflection between 20% for blue light and 65% for red light. For red light incident at 7 degrees off normal ... the intensity would be reduced or attenuated by over 10^{10} ."

Added claims 110-133 are substantially identical to claims 1, 47, 48, 50-60, 62-64, 66-72, 74, 76 and 77 of Applicants' response dated November 22, 2000.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-14 and 46-77 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, stating the term "frame has no art meaning". Applicants respectfully disagree. This terminology appears in the issued claims of US Patent 5,652,667 to Kurogane, see claim 1 thereof, line 10, and claim 4 thereof, line 8, since the USPTO has found this terminology definite in Kurogane, it is definite in the present application for the same reason.

In view of the changes to the claims and the remarks herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the above-identified application. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, or if additional information would be required, the undersigned will cooperate fully to assist in the prosecution of this application.

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If the above-identified Examiner's Action is a final Action, and if the above-identified application will be abandoned without further action by applicants, applicants file a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences appealing the final rejection of the claims in the above-identified Examiner's Action. Please charge deposit account 09-0468 any fee necessary to enter such Notice of Appeal.

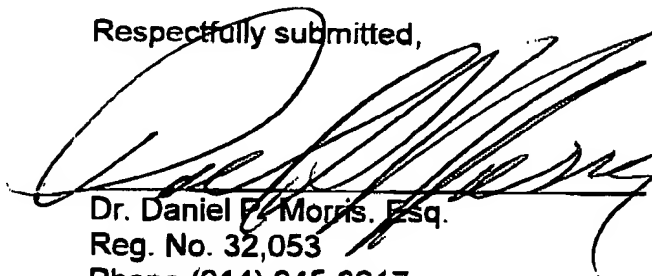
In the event that this amendment does not result in allowance of all such claims, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

MPEP 713.01 states in part as follows:

Where the response to a first complete action includes a request for an interview or a telephone consultation to be initiated by the examiner, ... the examiner, as soon as he

or sh has considered the effect of the r sponse, should grant such request if it appears that the interview or consultation would result in expediting the case to a final action.

Respectfully submitted,



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